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N.C.A. Labs To Hold Sanitation and Processing Conferences for Canners in the Northwest, Michigan, and Iowa-Nebraska

The N.C.A. Research Laboratories will hold all-day conferences in Michigan, the Northwest, and Iowa-Nebraska this month on sanitation and processing problems.

The conferences will be conducted by members of the staffs of the Washington and Berkeley Laboratories, continuing the series of conferences on this subject begun last year. Similar conferences have been held this year in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Topics to be covered include FDA regulations; prevention of product contamination; the relationship of sanitation, safety, and fire prevention; the application of bacteriology to canning sanitation and processing; the plant cleaning problem; and control of in-plant and out-of-plant waste. These subjects are considered from the point of view of maintaining a high level of product quality.

While the programs will be open to management and technical personnel, they are intended primarily for cannery supervisors—superintendents, foremen, and foreladies. Following is the schedule for April:

NORTHWEST

Arrangements for attending the following conferences in the Northwest should be made through the Northwest Canners and Freezers Association:

- April 8—at Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla, Wash.
- April 10—at Holiday Hotel, Yakima, Wash.
- April 14—at Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle, Wash.
- April 16—at Blue Lake Packers, Inc., Salem, Ore.
- April 20—at Elks Club, Boise, Idaho

These conferences will be conducted by N. A. Olson and E. S. Doyle of the Berkeley Laboratory. The Northwest association has scheduled safety conferences on days either preceding or following these meetings.

MICHIGAN

Arrangements for attending the Michigan conferences should be made

through the "contacts" listed for each of the following conference dates:

April 13—at Michigan Fruit Canners, Inc., 248 Ninth St., Benton Harbor, Mich. (contact: Lloyd Phillips, Michigan Fruit Canners, Inc., Benton Harbor)

April 15—at Fremont State Bank (basement), Fremont, Mich. (contact: Floyd Crosby, Gerber Products Co., Fremont)

April 17—at Park Place Hotel, Cherry Pit, Traverse City, Mich. (contact: W. J. Klotzbach, Cherry Growers, Inc., Traverse City, Mich.)

IOWA-NEBRASKA

Arrangements for the Iowa-Nebraska conference should be made through Guy E. Pollock, secretary-treasurer of the Iowa-Nebraska Canners Association in Marshalltown, Iowa. The conference is scheduled:

April 23—at Hotel Talcorn, Marshalltown, Iowa

The conferences in Michigan and Iowa-Nebraska will be conducted by J. W. Bell, S. A. Ebbert, and C. W. Bohrer of the Washington Laboratory.

Similar conferences will be held soon in Minnesota and New York State.

President Sorensen Appoints 1959 N.C.A. Committees

President Norman Sorensen this week announced the membership of 20 N.C.A. committees to serve during 1959.

On pages 150-154 are published the Officers, Board of Directors, Administrative Council, and the personnel of the 16 standing committees and 4 special committees which the N.C.A. President is authorized by the Board of Directors to appoint. These committees represent the membership and they function in an advisory capacity to the Association officers and staff.

The importance of committee operation has increased in recent years, with the result that subcommittees, advisory committees and task groups have been created to meet the requirements of the expanded area of activity of some of the standing committees. These subcommittees function under the direction of and report to a standing committee. They are appointed by the chairman of the standing committee, subject to the approval of the President. These committees are now being appointed and will be published in a subsequent issue of the INFORMATION LETTER.

Senate Group To Study Court Ruling on State Taxation

The Senate Small Business Committee plans to study the impact of a recent Supreme Court decision upholding the right of states to tax out-of-state firms on their in-state operations. The Committee, of which Senator Sparkman (Ala.) is chairman, will hold a one-day hearing on the subject April 8.

The Supreme Court held on February 24 that Georgia and Minnesota income taxes may constitutionally be imposed on out-of-state corporations making only interstate sales to customers in the taxing state. Two weeks later the Court dismissed an appeal from a Louisiana decision that permitted a tax on income earned on interstate sales in that state, even though the taxed corporation main-

tained no stock of goods and no sales office in the state.

Up to the time these decisions were handed down most businessmen did not feel obligated to pay state income taxes unless they had qualified to do business in the state or maintained a stock of goods in the state for intrastate sales. It is now clear that sales into a state, even though they may be entirely interstate in character, may be in themselves a sufficient contact to uphold a fairly apportioned tax by the state on the seller's income.

In his dissenting opinion to these decisions Justice Frankfurter pointed out that businessmen, particularly small and medium size, would be subjected to additional burdens. First, businessmen will have to keep books,

make returns, store records, and engage accountants and legal counsel, all to meet the varied tax laws of the states, with their different filing dates, different tax structures, different modes for determining net income, and different formulas of apportionment; second, the conflicting apportionment formulas will require extensive litigation.

Although some constitutional doubts have been expressed with regard to Congressional regulation of state taxation of interstate commerce, prior cases indicate that the Supreme Court would uphold such legislation on the ground that Congress has complete power over interstate commerce.

Government officials and business spokesmen have been invited to present views at the Senate Small Business hearing.

Status of Legislation

The Easter recess has been scheduled for March 26 through noon April 7.

Agricultural trade development—A number of bills to amend and extend P. L. 480 have been introduced. H. R. 2420 (Poage of Texas), to authorize long-term supply contracts, will be the subject of public hearings by a House Agriculture Subcommittee April 21-22.

Clayton Act—S. 726 (Sparkman and others), to make all future orders of the FTC self-executing and to provide penalties of \$5,000 daily for violations of consent decrees, was passed by the Senate March 18. H. R. 2977 (Celler), a similar bill, is pending before the House Judiciary Committee.

Consumer expenditures—H. R. 4420 (Zablocki of Wis.), to authorize the FTC to conduct an investigation which would include a determination of what portion of consumer expenditures for food and other farm products is realized by the farmer, the processor, the distributor, and others, has been referred to the House Commerce Committee.

Co-op jurisdiction—H. R. 200 (Mason of Ill.), to transfer jurisdiction over cooperatives' pricing from USDA to the Justice Dept., has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Co-op taxation—The Secretary of the Treasury has submitted a proposed draft of legislation designed to "ensure the ultimate payment of a single tax on cooperative income," but bills embodying the Administration recommendations have not been introduced.

Fair trade—S. 1083 (Humphrey and Proxmire), to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize proprietors of trade-marked goods to

control the resale prices of their distributors, has been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee. H. R. 1253 (Harris of Ark.), an identical bill, was the subject of public hearings by the House Commerce Committee March 16-25.

FDA artificial coloring—The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare has announced that the Department will support legislation designed to assist FDA in regulating the use of artificial coloring in foods, drugs, and cosmetics, but bills for that purpose have not yet been introduced.

Federal preemption—H. R. 3 (Smith of Va.), to modify the doctrine of federal preemption in such a way that a state law would not be nullified by a federal law on the same subject unless the federal law so provided, was approved by a House Judiciary Subcommittee March 5.

Food stamps—A number of bills designed to facilitate distribution of surplus foods to needy families have been introduced and referred to the Agriculture Committees.

Industrial uses—Bills to provide programs of research on industrial uses of agricultural commodities were the subject of public hearings by a House Agriculture Subcommittee Feb. 18-20 and March 2-11.

Labor-management practices—S. 1555 (Kennedy-Cooper), to establish safeguards against improper practices in labor organizations and in labor-management relations, was approved by the Senate Labor Committee March 25 and was ordered reported.

Similar bills were the subject of public hearings by a House Labor Subcommittee March 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18; hearings resume April 8.

Marketing of potatoes—S. 17 (Smith of Maine), to prohibit the sale of potatoes of a lower grade than U. S. No. 2, under certain conditions, has been referred to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Marketing of turkeys—S. 430 (Engle) and H. R. 1344 (Sisk of Calif.), to provide for controls on the marketing of turkeys, have been referred to the Agriculture Committees.

Marketing orders and parity—H. R. 642 (Sisk of Calif.), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to continue a marketing order in effect even after parity is reached, has been referred to the House Agriculture Committee.

Marketing order regions—H. R. 1070 (Ullman of Calif.), to authorize the issuance of marketing orders on any or all production or marketing areas, rather than on the smallest regional area, has been referred to the House Agriculture Committee.

Premerger notification—The Attorney General has recommended legislation requiring prior notification before corporate mergers and acquisitions where the capital involved is more than \$10 million. S. 442 (O'Mahoney-Kefauver), to require 60 days'

notice prior to merger or acquisition of corporations having total book value of \$10 million, was approved by the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee Feb. 9, but was returned by the Judiciary Committee to the Subcommittee for further study.

Price increases—H. R. 4934 (McGovern of S. D.), to require advance notice and public justification before effectuating price increases in industries so heavily concentrated that monopoly or the threat of monopoly is present, has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. S. 215 (O'Mahoney), a similar bill, will be the subject of public hearings by the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee beginning April 22.

Raw product bargaining—H. R. 1793 (Bow of Mich.), to authorize collective bargaining between cooperative associations of producers or handlers and processors or other purchasers, has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Robinson-Patman functional discounts—S. 315 (O'Mahoney) and H. R. 929 (Rogers of Colo.), to require price differentials to wholesalers and retailers according to the character of their selling (not their buying), have been referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Robinson-Patman good faith defense—H. R. 11 (Patman), to restrict the "good faith" defense against a charge of price discrimination, has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. S. 11 was the subject of public hearings by the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee March 17-23.

Unemployment compensation—H. R. 3547 (Karsten of Mo.) and other bills to amend the Social Security Act with respect to unemployment compensation, will be the subject of public hearings by the House Ways and Means Committee beginning April 7.

Wage-Hour—S. 1046 (Kennedy and others), which includes provisions to terminate the 7(b) (3), 7(c), and 13(a) (5) exemptions, and other bills to curtail exemptions and raise the minimum wage have been referred to the Labor Committees.

S. 1085 (McNamara and Clark), to provide minimum wage coverage for hired farm labor employed by large farm enterprises, has been referred to the Senate Labor Committee.

Waste disposal facilities—H. R. 322 (Byrnes of Wis.), to authorize rapid amortization of waste disposal facilities and treatment works, has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

FISHERIES LEGISLATION

Construction differential subsidy—H. R. 2181 (King of Calif.), to amend the Merchant Marine Act to permit fishermen to apply for construction differential subsidies, has been re-

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FDA Issues Final Regulations under Food Additives Law

The Food and Drug Administration has published its final Food Additive Regulations in the *Federal Register* of March 28, to become effective upon publication. These regulations differ in few respects from the proposed regulations of December 9, 1958, reprinted in a Supplement to the INFORMATION LETTER of December 13, 1958.

The final regulations contain some changes in language from the proposed regulations, but most of these effect no significant substantive change. The more important amendments include:

SECTION 121.1—DEFINITIONS

The definitions in section 121.1 were changed by adding a new subsection (g) to read:

"The word 'substance' in the definition of the term 'food additive' includes a food or food component consisting of one or more ingredients."

The definitions of "Scientific procedures" and "Safe" are relettered (h) and (i) respectively, and are changed to read:

(h) 'Scientific procedures' include not only original animal, analytical, and other scientific studies, but also an unprejudiced compilation of reliable information, both favorable and unfavorable, drawn from the scientific literature."

(i) 'Safe' means that there is convincing evidence which establishes with reasonable certainty that no harm will result from the intended use of the food additive." (New language in italics.)

SECTION 121.2—PESTICIDE CHEMICALS

The FDA added a sentence to section 121.2 in order to make it clear that a food when ready to eat, and with an excess of pesticide residue, may not be brought into compliance by mixing with other foods. The new sentence, added at the end of 121.2, reads:

"Food that is itself ready to eat, and which contains a higher residue than allowed for the raw agricultural commodity, may not be legalized by blending or mixing with other foods to reduce the residues in the mixed food below the tolerance prescribed for the raw agricultural commodity."

SECTION 121.3(c)—

WITHDRAWAL OF PRIOR SANCTION

Indication that some effort will be made to protect existing trade secrets is found in an amendment to section 121.3(c), providing for private notification if FDA intends to withdraw a previously existing sanction or approval that exempts an ingredient

from the Act. The final sentence of the proposed subsection has been modified, and two sentences added, to read:

"Except in the case of an imminent hazard to public health, no prior sanction or approval will be withdrawn or modified without prior notice and a statement of the reasons for the action. Such notice and statement will be sent to the person to whom the sanction or approval was granted and to any other person who has been advised concerning such sanction or approval, if practicable. Otherwise, the notice and statement will be published in the *Federal Register*."

SECTION 121.5—100/1 SAFETY RATIO

Despite protests from the N.C.A. and other food manufacturing groups, the FDA has adopted a 100/1 ratio for establishing food additive tolerances. Evidence may be submitted, however, to justify a different safety factor. Section 121.5 now concludes:

"Except where evidence is submitted which justifies use of a different safety factor, a safety factor in applying animal experimentation data to man of 100 to 1, will be used; that is, a food additive for use by man will not be granted a tolerance that will exceed 1/100th of the maximum amount demonstrated to be without harm to experimental animals."

SECTION 121.6—TESTING STANDARDS

The language in section 121.6, referring to the controlling effect of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council procedures for establishing food additive safety, has been modified somewhat but the practical effect of the change is probably not significant. That section now reads:

"(a) In reaching a decision on any petition filed under section 409 of the act, the Commissioner will give full consideration to the specific biological properties of the compound and the adequacy of the methods employed to demonstrate safety for the proposed use, and the Commissioner will be guided by the principles and procedures for establishing the safety of food additives stated in current publications of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council. A petition will not be denied, however, by reason of the petitioner's having followed procedures other than those outlined in the publications of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council if, from available evidence, the Commissioner finds that the procedures used give results as reliable as, or more reliable than, those reasonably to be expected from the use of the outlined procedures. In reaching a decision, the Commissioner will give due weight to the anticipated levels and patterns of consumption of the additive specified or reasonably inferable. For the pur-

pose of this section, the principles for evaluating safety of additives set forth in the above-mentioned publications will apply to any substance that may properly be classified as a food additive as defined in section 201(s) of the act.

"(b) Upon written request describing the proposed use of an additive and the proposed experiments to determine its safety, the Commission will advise a person who wishes to establish the safety of a food additive whether he believes the experiments planned will yield data adequate for an evaluation of the safety of the additive."

SECTION 121.51—PETITIONS

A new sentence has been added to subsection 121.51(b), providing:

"Any reference to published information offered in support of a food-additive petition should be accompanied by reprints or photostatic copies of such references."

Subsection 121.51(h) has been altered somewhat to make it clear that confidential data, typically relating to the manufacture of an ingredient, will be protected except where compliance with the Act compels disclosure. That provision now reads:

"(h) Data in a petition regarding any method or process entitled to protection as a trade secret will be held confidential and not revealed unless it is necessary to do so in the record of an administrative hearing preliminary to judicial proceedings under section 409 of the act. Other data in the petition will not be revealed to persons other than the petitioner and persons engaged in the enforcement of the act beyond that which is necessary to comply with section 409(b)(5) (notice of the regulation proposed) and 409(c)(1) (order acting on the petition)."

SECTION 121.75—EXEMPTION FOR INVESTIGATIONAL USE

A new section was added to the regulations to allow investigational use of food additives. Section 121.75 reads:

"A food additive, or a food containing such an additive intended for investigational use by qualified experts, shall be exempt from the requirements of section 409 of the act: *Provided*, That the food additive or the food containing the additive bears a label which states prominently 'Caution—Contains new food additive—For investigational use only. Not to be used for human food or food for other than laboratory animals.'"

OTHER AMENDMENTS

Additional changes in language, with some effect upon the operation of the Act, were made with regard to packaging materials, antibiotics and animal feeds.

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Meetings with Food Leaders

During a ten-day trip the latter part of March, Katherine R. Smith, Director of the N.C.A. Consumer Service Division, held a series of meetings and conferences with foods people. Scheduled meetings were held in Cleveland, Ohio, Ferndale and Detroit, Mich., Milwaukee, Wis., and Chicago, Ill.

Meeting with newspaper food editors, radio and television women, homemaking teachers, nutritionists, consumer specialists, school lunch managers, home service directors of utility companies and other food leaders, Miss Smith exchanged with them information of value to consumers in meeting their families.

Talks about canned foods stressed their increased per capita consumption as reported recently by the USDA, the money-saving advantage in using canned foods for the basis of family meals, and the benefits they provide for today's streamlined meal preparation.

Both in small group meetings and individual conferences the food leaders furnished information on consumers' likes and requests in their fields of work for their area. Specific suggestions were requested to ascertain the usefulness of various Consumer Service Division publications for schools, and for releases supplied to newspapers and television people.

Status of Legislation

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ferred to the House MM&F Committee.

Fisheries Assistance Act—A number of bills to provide a five-year program of assistance to depressed segments of the fishing industry have been introduced.

Fisheries Cooperative Bank—H. R. 180 (Lane of Mass.), providing for establishment of a federal bank for fishery cooperative associations, has been referred to the House MM&F Committee.

Fisheries Cooperative Marketing Act—S. 23 (Smith), H. R. 2777 (McCormack of Mass.) and H. R. 3348 (Pelly of Wash.), to exempt fishery cooperatives from provisions of the antitrust laws, have been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee and the House MM&F Committee.

Fishermen's Protective Act—S. 971 (Magnuson), to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1954 to broaden protection of U. S. vessels, has been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee.

Mortgage and loan insurance—S. 555 (Butler) and H. R. 3169 (Garmatz of Md.), to amend the Merchant Marine Act to provide mortgage and loan insurance on the cost of work in U. S. shipyards, have been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee and the House MM&F Committee.

Polluted shellfish—H. R. 1244 (Collmer of Miss.), to prohibit the importation of polluted shellfish, has been

referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Salmon conservation—H. R. 605 (Pelly of Wash.) and other bills to prohibit the importation of salmon taken by nationals of a country that permits gill netting at certain times and places, have been referred to the House MM&F Committee. S. 502 (Bartlett-Gruening-Magnuson) was the subject of hearings by a Senate Commerce Subcommittee April 1-3.

Tuna quotas—H. R. 443 (Utt of Calif.), H. R. 447 (Wilson of Calif.)

and H. R. 673 (Utt), to regulate the importation of tuna products, have been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

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